

the Presidential Representative for Australian-American Friendship Week, May 3–11.

The White House announced that the President will meet with King Abdullah II of Jordan at the White House on May 8 to discuss developments in the Middle East and key bilateral issues.

The President declared a major disaster in Maryland and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a tornado on April 28.

May 2

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Chairman Hamid Karzai of the Interim Authority of Afghanistan to discuss U.S. assistance to Afghanistan. He also had a telephone conversation with President Eduard Shevardnadze of the Republic of Georgia to express his condolences concerning the recent earthquake in Georgia, cooperation against terrorism, and issues in the Caucasus region. He then had CIA and FBI briefings.

May 3

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings. Later, he met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Igor Sergeyevich Ivanov of Russia to discuss arms reduction, trade issues, and issues related to NATO.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD, where, in the evening, they welcomed President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain and his wife, Ana Botella.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel at the White House on May 7 to discuss developments in the Middle East and key bilateral issues.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted April 29

Alberto Faustino Trevino, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Susan M. Wachter, resigned.

Elias Adam Zerhouni, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, vice Harold Varmus, resigned.

Submitted May 1

Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for a term of 15 years, vice Roger B. Andewelt, deceased.

Kyle E. McSarrow, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, vice Francis S. Blake, resigned.

Reena Raggi, of New York, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, vice Amalya L. Kearsse, retired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released April 28

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary on the situation in the Middle East

Released April 29

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of remarks by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice on terrorism and foreign policy at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies